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SUBJECT: SEVENTH CONFERENCE OF MAYORS OF WORLD'S MAJOR CITIES -
APRIL 14-19, 1978

1. FORMER MILAN MAYOR ANIASI, FOUNDER AND STILL PRESIDENT,
HAS ASKED THAT WE ENDORSE 1978 CONFERENCE AND THAT DEPT.
ENCOURAGE US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO BE REPRESENTED. THIS
YEAR WELL KNOWN ECONOMIST AURELIO PECCEI WILL CO-ORDINATE
THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEES.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT US REPRESENTATION IS DESIRABLE AND HOPE
THAT DEPT WILL ENCOURAGE US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS TO SEND
QUALIFIED DELEGATION. PECCEI APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH
WITH GUNTHER OF MAYORS CONFERENCE AND WILL SEE AMBASSADOR
GARDNER LATER THIS WEEK.

3. US PRESENCE IS IMPORTANT AS PART OF NEED TO KEEP EUROPEANS
AND OTHERS AWARE OF US LEADERSHIP MANY CIVIC AREAS. OUR ABSENCE
DURING DISCUSSIONS OF MAJOR QUESTIONS ABOUT CITIES LEAVES IM-
PRESSION THAT US IS NOT CONCERNED OR OUT OF TOUCH. COMMUNIST
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COUNTRIES AND NEUTRAL LDC'S INVARIABLY PRESENT AND WE NEED
COMPETENT SPOKESMEN KEEP RECORD STRAIGHT. AT A MOMENT WHEN
MANY ITALIANS ARE WAVERING ABOUT ITALY'S FUTURE ALIGNMENT,
PRESENCE OF US DELEGATION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IMAGE OF OUR
CONCERN ABOUT DEMOCRATIC ITALY.FINA

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